



Autumn 2 – Prophecy and Promise – Year 4



01 Background information

In the Bible, there were people called prophets who played a crucial role in guiding God’s people. Prophets were chosen by God to deliver His messages, reminding people to follow His teachings and to turn back to Him when they strayed. In this branch, we will focus on two significant prophets: Elijah and John the Baptist. Both were vital in preparing the way for the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. We will also explore the season of Advent, a time when Christians prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth at Christmas and look forward to His return in the future.

02 What should I already know?

You may remember some key ideas from what you've learned before, such as some of the prophets and their role in sharing God’s messages with His people. In Year 2 you discussed God’s covenant with Noah and its significance. You may remember some important stories about figures like Elijah, and how they teach us about faithfulness to God. As we celebrate it every year, you should know about Advent and how it helps us prepare for Christmas.

03 Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of
your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created,
and you will renew the face of
the earth.
Amen.

04 Key Vocabulary



Advent: The season in the Christian calendar that prepares us for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.
Covenant: A sacred agreement or promise made by God with His people, often seen in the stories of the Bible.
Elijah: A significant prophet in the Old Testament who called the people of Israel to return to God and performed miracles.
Genealogy: A record of a person’s ancestry or family history, showing the line of descent from one generation to another.
Jesse Tree: A special tree used during Advent that represents the family tree of Jesus, highlighting key figures in God’s plan for salvation.
Messiah: The anointed one who is expected to bring salvation; for Christians, this is fulfilled in Jesus.
Prophet: A person chosen by God to deliver His messages and guide the people in following His will.

05 Scripture



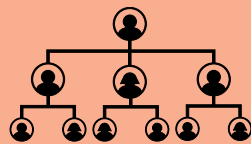
(MATTHEW 3:1-12 AND MK 1:1-8)



(1 KINGS 17:7-14)



1 KINGS 19:4-8



(MATTHEW 1:1-17)

The BIG Question



WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PROPHETS ABOUT PREPARING FOR JESUS IN OUR OWN LIVES?

06 By the end of the topic:

By the end of this branch, you will have learned about the important role of prophets in the Bible, especially focusing on Elijah and John the Baptist. You will understand how Elijah called the people of Israel to return to God and how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. You will also discover how their stories connect to Advent and the celebration of Christ the King. You will explore key Scripture passages, including the miracle of the flour and oil, and learn about the Jesse tree and its meaning. By reflecting on these lessons, you will be able to explain what it means to be a prophet, recognise the significance of preparing for Jesus’ coming, and understand how you can prepare your hearts during Advent. You will also discuss what kind of king Jesus is and how he is different from earthly rulers.